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The Panther basketball team takes on the 1-2 Austin Peay Governors tonight in Clarksville, Tenn.

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Bylaw slight causes UB fight

◆ *Concert committee members clash with executive committee*

By Nate Bloomquist
NEWS EDITOR

The forced resignation of the University Board concert coordinator and some broken bylaws sparked a fiery debate between UB coordinators and the concert committee.

All eight members of the University Board concert committee signed a letter presented to the coordinators at a meeting Tuesday.

The letter spells out qualms the committee had with the appointment of Donna Fernandez as coordinator.

"Having Donna Fernandez as coordinator has only created a disheartened team of students," the letter stated.

Members of the committee alleged that Fernandez's appointment violated a UB bylaw, which states perspective members of executive committee must be voted on by executive committee members.

UB Chair Caleb Judy said Fernandez's appointment as co-coordinator last semester without a vote was an oversight and will be corrected. Cici Brinker, director of student life, also took a share of the blame and said the appointment wasn't done "maliciously."

"It is completely my fault, and I am the one to blame for it," Judy said. "This will motivate me to make sure I know all the bylaws. We will open up the position now and Donna has obviously applied. In my opinion, she is the most qualified for the position."

But many committee members said Wednesday they weren't satisfied and some members have threatened to resign. The letter, signed by all eight UB concert committee members, called for Fernandez to resign and suggested Tom Galla as a candidate for her replacement.

"It's nothing personal against any of them (the executive committee)," said concert committee member Tim Brannan. "We don't want to leave. We put our heart into this and we got it done."

Concert committee member Jen Czupryn said she won't resign.

"We really love what we do and we don't want to leave because that would give (the executive board) the pleasure of having us gone," said Czupryn, a



Caleb Judy



Donna Fernandez



Bud Wierenga

Finger lickin' good — at last



Chris Thompson, an Eastern alumnus, enjoys dinner with Janet Essary, a senior vocal performance major, Wednesday evening at the newly opened Kentucky Fried Chicken and A&W restaurant.

◆ *Long-awaited KFC/A & W opens doors to residents, students*

By Jason M Oljace
STAFF WRITER

KFC/A&W, which opened 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the entrance of the Super Wal-Mart in Charleston, gives Eastern students a new lunch and dinner option.

Chief Operating Officer Bob Clawson said Charleston has not had a KFC in years, but many people have been requesting a new one.

Many of the requests have come from customers from Mattoon who did not want to travel a long distance to eat at KFC.

Clawson said his goal is to help service the Charleston community and that KFC/A&W aims to please.

"Combining the tradition of the Colonel with the All-American food has really been a great combo," Clawson said. "It appeals to the young and old alike."

Clawson said the two-in-one restaurant concept offers convenience.

"You don't have to go to two different restaurants to get the wide variety of food that we have," he said.

The KFC/A&W in Charleston does not serve breakfast, but offers the full lunch and dinner menus of KFC and A&W. Clawson said the merger between the two restaurants has been successful because of the wide variety of foods offered.

He said KFC traditionally has a "heavy dinner concept," while A&W has a "heavy lunch" concept.

Customers can mix-and-match foods from both KFC and A&W. Clawson suggested the possibility of a chicken meal with a root beer float.

The new restaurant employs 58 people, with an equal number working either full or part-time. Some daytime Wal-Mart employees also work at KFC at night.

The design of KFC/A&W is standard for the chain. There is a 1950s concept, complete with a bar, jukebox and high tables.

The grand opening of KFC/A&W will be in the spring.

"It is too cold to have radio remotes outside in the winter," Clawson said.

Clawson owns and operates 46 restaurants, 43 are KFC, while three are KFC/A&W combinations.

COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

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Local restaurant owners cook up an accolade

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce knows precisely what's cookin' with this year's choice for the Outstanding Citizens of the Year.

Eastern alumni Bob and Therese Kincade were selected for the 2003 award that represents service within Charleston beyond the normal expected workload.

In addition to raising a family, which include two daughters, Annie, 17, and Laura, 14, Bob and Therese met the criteria for this year's award.

Cindy Titus, executive director of the Charleston Area Chamber of

Commerce, said criterion for the award include service to the community beyond the line of duty, membership in civic and charitable organizations, length of service over a number of years, demonstrating a willingness to serve, good character and contribution to the business community.

Bob and Therese will receive their award during the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner Jan. 25 at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom.

"It was a total surprise," Bob said. "We didn't even know we were nominated until we were selected."

The Kincades are co-owners of Charleston's What's Cookin' restau-

rant. Through their restaurant, they have sponsored Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in the "Heart of Charleston" fundraisers. What's Cookin' also provides hot meals at cost twice a week to the First Presbyterian Church's Soup Stop.

Bob and Therese were married just months after they joined in their 1980 business venture of opening What's Cookin' on the corner of Third Street and Lincoln Avenue. In 1985, What's Cookin' moved to Seventh Street just north of the Charleston Square and in 2001 the Kincades established another business, Kincade Appraisals.

The Kincade family has taken in

a Rotary exchange student and has been supportive of the American Field Service and Rotary International Exchange programs.

Bob, formerly of Brocton, graduated from Eastern with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Since its beginning, Bob has been a member of the Tax Increment Financing Board (TIF), where he served as a chairperson. He has been actively involved in the City of Charleston Tourism Advisory Board as well. Bob also has dedicated four years of time and effort to the girls softball program.

Bob once was a member of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He and Therese both have been con-

sistently supportive of the Chamber of Commerce.

Therese, formerly of Chicago, received her speech communication degree from Eastern. She is a four-year president of the Tarble Arts Center Advisory Board. She also serves as a Citizens National Bank Advisory Committee member.

Therese has been a director for an assortment of Jefferson School's choral and Christmas programs. She also does a summer theater workshop at Eastern.

Therese is vice president of the Charleston Community Theatre and a member of the Drama Study Group.

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With all of these options for fun



**Who could
choose
just one?**



More than 125 Recognized Student Organizations available for students

By Karen Kirr
STAFF EDITOR

With enrolling in college comes decision-making, and not just academic decisions, but also deciding which activities or organizations students believe are worth devoting their time and abilities to during the course of a year.

Finding the right Recognized Student Organization can be an often tedious and

time-consuming process, especially since students have a wide range of more than 125 choices.

However, Eastern's slew of RSOs present students with an opportunity to enhance themselves intellectually as well as being a benefit to others on campus and throughout the community.

Some of Eastern's RSOs are hindered to the point where they are thin on members, but despite this, they usually find a way to

survive, said Eric Davidson, an adviser for Baachus, an RSO promoting sexual health and alcohol awareness and education and a past adviser for Alpha Phi Omega, a service-oriented RSO.

Service, social and health groups are examples of the numerous RSOs that exist on campus to suit students' various tastes and preferences.

Davidson, assistant director for Health Services, said Alpha Phi Omega is a service

RSO that is committed to extensive service work. He said the four prime areas it provides service to are campus, community, nation and scouting.

APO, which was founded in the 1920s, originally was a fraternity for former boy scouts, he said. Since the time the group formed it has followed principles that are derived from Boy Scout law.

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COMING UP

Two minor revisions on tap for CAA

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs will act upon the proposed revision of two minors Thursday.

The two minors under revision are the business administration minor and the family and consumer sciences minor.

According to a proposal to be submitted to the CAA, the revised business administration minor will enable students who have prerequisites in BUS 2102, ECN 2802G and junior standing to be able to substitute FIN 2710 for BUS 3710.

The CAA also will address items to be added to the agenda next week. The items to be discussed are adding and revising classes, predominantly journalism classes.

Journalism Department Chair Les Hyder said the reason for the proposed changes

in the journalism curriculum is because the department had no significant revisions in about 10 years.

"The proposals are to help make the journalism program more current and up to date," Hyder said.

The proposals also will make most journalism classes three credit hours, instead of two. The student feedback to the journalism department favored the credit hour change.

Hyder also said Eastern's accreditation agency, North Central Association, has changed its standards in the last year. The proposed curriculum change will put the journalism department in compliance with the new standards.

The CAA meets 2 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

RHA will elect new vice president for diversity and programming

◆ *Museum of Opression participation stressed*

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

Residence Hall Association will hold an election Thursday for its newest position, the vice president for diversity and programming.

Denise Peters, the national communications coordinator/Illinois communication coordinator, said only one candidate is running for the position thus far, but more nominations will be taken at the meeting.

The RHA has appointed Matt O'Malley the new vice president. O'Malley replaces Stina Heldman, who is now the RHA president.

Heldman is encouraging residents to view the Museum of Oppression, which will be open from Jan. 29-31.

Nachel Glynn, RHA's vice president of fund raising, also is trying to encourage residents to get involved with fund raising activities for their halls. The residents should look out for times in their halls to help raise funds.

The RHA will encourage students to get involved with campus tours Feb.10. Students are being asked to volunteer to give tours, show rooms and halls.

The RHA will meet at 5 p.m. in Weller Hall.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Rodney Broadfield, a mobile unit assistant, packs away donated blood Wednesday evening at the blood drive held in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A few drops short

◆ *Blood drive falls only two donors short of goal*

By Michael Dixon
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's blood drive fell short of the desired number of participants, with 148 out of the hoped 150 eligible blood donors.

"Some people aren't eligible because of low iron levels in their blood," Teressa Williams, a senior family and consumer sciences major, said.

The drive, held from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, was a volunteer-oriented event sponsored by the American Red Cross, the EIU Blood Drive Committee and Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Williams is a member of the blood drive committee and has volunteered for all of the blood drives the committee has co-sponsored since she joined a year and a half ago.

"I originally joined because I had a friend on the committee," Williams said. "It felt good to help, and I made some friends."

Many who donated did so because of the need for donors.

"I try and give blood every time I'm eligible," Andre Boldt, a junior elementary education major, said. "(Giving blood) is an important need. I have O positive, which means that I can help a lot of people out."

Larry Ward III, president of Delta Tau Delta and vice president of the blood drive committee, donated his time to both helping with the blood drive and giving blood. "Volunteering for this blood drive will give us (Delta Tau Delta) a positive relationship with the community," Ward said.

Twelve other members of Delta Tau Delta volunteered their time as well.

"Delta Tau Delta requires that its members do eight hours of community service per semester," Ward said.

The main focus of the drive was to add to the low level of available blood. The American Red Cross has half a day's supply of O negative blood, which is the universal blood type and can be transfused to any-

one.

There is also a shortage of O positive, which can be transfused by 80 percent of the population, and B negative.

"This shortage is determined by the American Red Cross headquarters," said Rodney Broadfield, part of the Red Cross' mobile unit assistance. "We got 115 pints of blood ... which means there were about 20 bags that weren't filled all of the way."

The partially filled bags explain why the number of donors and number of pints aren't the same, Broadfield said.

There were sandwiches, chips, pretzels, cookies and kool-aid on hand for the donors, catered by Panther Catering.

"Usually, Papa John's donates pizza to the blood drives on campus, but since we are in the Union, we have to use the University's catering service," Williams said. "It is important that blood donors take in a lot of fluids and sugars."

The next blood drive will be held Feb. 13 at the Newman Catholic Center, located on Ninth Street.

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Role Players assassinate with bananas, make war

◆ *Members make up games, play board games, hope to involve campus*

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The Role Players Guild is a social club with a primary focus on different ideas and concepts for role playing games students can try out.

"The Role Players' Guild is to introduce people of the same hobby, so they can start up their own gaming group outside of our meetings," said Daniel Bledsaw, president of the Role Players' Guild.

"What we do is we try to show people how to play games. The premise is anybody can come in, sit down and learn a new game," Bledsaw said.

Two active exhibitions take place every meeting, one role playing game and one board game. The role playing game is most likely something people have heard of, but the board game may not be. Some of the board games include Risk 2210, Diplomacy, Settlers of Catan, Orcs at the Gate, Kill Dr. Lucky and Chez Geek, Bledsaw said.

"In the Role Players' Guild we try to show as much as we can in a semester, for the limited number of weeks we have, incredibly simple game systems such as basic Dungeons And Dragons on up to incredibly complicated systems such as Mekton Space Zeta," Bledsaw said.

"We try to pull off a single campus-wide game anyone can be a part of regardless, if they are part of the Role Players' Guild or not. It is usually something simple like a 'Banana Assassins' game. In the

Role Players' Guild

◆ Play Risk 2210, Diplomacy, Settlers of Catan, Orcs at the Gate, etc.

◆ Began last semester

◆ Meets 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays in the Scharer Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Members of the Role Players' Guild play a board game at one of their meetings. The group aims to unite fans of role-playing games, come up with new games and interest more students in role play.

game, you try to hunt people with your Chiquita 45," Bledsaw said.

The goal of the game is to sneak behind people with a banana, say bang, find out their identity and turn their identity in to administrators in the game to remove it from a list.

The Role Players' Guild has been around since the fall semester. However, it has burst out of the former gaming club, "Ministries of War," Bledsaw said.

"What happened with 'Ministries of War' were improvements needed to be made of the whole structure and after a pretty difficult debate, it came to facing the facts that 'Ministries of War' sounded a little scary, and then you say you play Dungeons and

Dragons, and they think you are scary," Bledsaw said.

The Role Players' Guild is advised by Chad Elliot.

"He plays the little voice in the back of our head," Bledsaw said. "He's played a major role in the development of the Role Players' Guild. When we are considering doing something, he let's us know if we can or not. The hardest thing is to let people know we are out there, and he gives us ideas on how we could get people's attention. He also brings free things in from time to time and will sit in on the table and say, whoever wins this game gets this."

The Role Players' Guild consists of about 16 regular members, but the group has had up to 28 people

depending on people's class schedules, Bledsaw said.

It is preferred that students arrive on time, but a lot of people can't meet at the very beginning or stay until the end because of class and that is not a problem, Bledsaw said. Fifty percent of the students who attend show up after the start of the meeting or not until close to the end.

The membership fee is \$6 for a semester or \$10 for a year. The membership fee is used in a for printing newsletters, for advertisements and for a pizza party at the end of the year, Bledsaw said. It is encouraged for students to become a member after attending three meetings, but no one is forced to join.

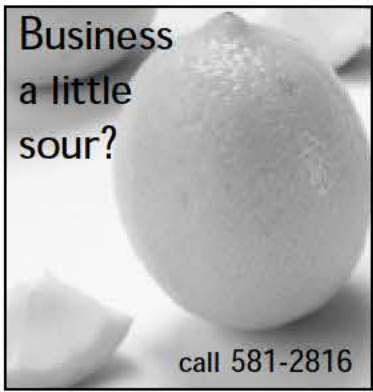
"In the course of everything I've been through, my number one suggestion would be to try it out," Bledsaw said. "It's easy to say the Role Players' Guild is not something I would like to do, but it very well might be. We have had people who have never played games outside of Monopoly or Clue attend and have a blast. It's something I would highly recommend. It makes Tuesday nights therapeutic."

The Role Players' Guild meets once every week from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Schraer room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on the third floor across from the food court.

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Sarah Cameron, junior special education major, changes a tray of food on the buffet line Wednesday evening in Thomas Dining Center .

Students weigh in on Eastern’s housing food

By John Hohenadel
STAFF WRITER

When entering college, students face a change in lifestyle, along with a change in their diets. Carman Hall served grilled cheese sandwiches Wednesday, and students might have found themselves piling three sandwiches on their plates. Unfortunately, with every sandwich comes calories and concerns about a healthier alternative. If students were back at home, they might be able to have their moms make them a meal; however, Eastern is a different story. “You can’t compare food here at Eastern to food you get back at home,” said Ashley Coleman, a freshman chemistry major. Freshman undeclared major Nicholas Allen said there are not many healthy alternatives to the dorm food. “I don’t really think the dorm food is healthy, but I am content with it and I eat it twice a day every day,” he said.

If Allen is not eating at the dorms, he is ordering from one of the many fast food places in town. Freshman management major Kristina Lauf agrees with the lack of healthy food on campus. “The food is not all that great for you, but there are healthy alternatives,” she said. Both Allen and Lauf exercise at least three times a week to counter the unhealthy food in an attempt to avoid the “Freshman 15.” Were Allen and Lauf correct to assume dorm food is unhealthy? Dana Schuttler, a freshman undeclared major, said “When I first got here the food made me sick twice a week, but now I am used to it and I don’t get sick anymore.” Norma Harrell, a cook at Carman Dining Center, said Carman has a salad bar every day and also pointed out she cooks a variety of foods in a number of different ways. “I bake, fry and even steam the food,” she said. “Upon request, special

menus are available for vegetarians and diabetics.” “We think the dining halls are pretty healthy,” said Karen Hardwick, a cook at Andrews Dining Center. “We make sure that we don’t use too much fat or butter. We try our best to keep our students healthy.” Some students say the choice to eat healthy on campus is a choice they can make. “Some of the food here is healthy but you might have to walk a little farther (to Stevenson),” said Eric McAdamis, a junior political science major, while eating in the Thomas Hall Dining Center. “You can make the choice to eat healthy or unhealthy, it’s all your choice.” Janice Beals, a Stevenson cook, said her dining hall is the healthiest alternative. “We’re probably the healthiest dining center on campus,” she said. “We have fat-free deli meats, and low-fat baked chicken breast sandwiches, but many people have different views about the word healthy.”

Eastern begins preparing for 2005 accreditation

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern has begun preparation for an accreditation visit from the North Central Association two years in advance, Provost Blair Lord told the Faculty Senate Tuesday. NCA, one of six regional accreditation associations, will visit the university in spring 2005, a necessary event for the university to operate, Lord said. “Securing and maintaining this regional accreditation is virtually a prerequisite to our doing business as a university,” Lord said in a memo to the Faculty Senate. “It is, for example, required if we are to receive any federal funds including research grants and federal financial aid dollars on behalf of our students.” The accreditation also is necessary for degrees to be issued, Lord said. In the two-year preparation, a steering committee is appointed, and subcommittees are formed to focus on five major areas of NCA criteria considered during a university visit. A year-long process begins using such methods as focus groups and surveys to gather information, and deliberate on material in what becomes a self-study to respond to the criteria. Lord visited the senate to invite those

interested to participate in the process. “This is sort of the organizational period,” Lord said. “(Accreditation) is one of the gods we really do have to dance to.” Physical education professor Jill Owen and graduate school dean Bob Augustine have been named co-chairs. “Both have prior experience with specialized accreditation, skill in facilitating group deliberations and are well respected members of our community,” Lord said. Lord said leadership and membership for five teams is now needed. The teams will each focus separately on five accreditation criteria, including mission and integrity, preparation for the future, teaching effectiveness and curricular offerings. The other two criteria will look toward Eastern as a university who identifies shared interests, engages others and offers an environment supporting research and other forms of discovery. Preparing for the NCA is a chance to gather campus involvement, Lord said. “The value of the self-study process, is the systematic engagement of folks across the entire institution in this reflection,” he said. Augustine said an April meeting will be held in Chicago for the training and orientation of those involved in preparation for the 2005 visit.

Program gives international students an away home

By Brett Abbott
STAFF WRITER

Students studying abroad can expect a semester of unique experiences and diversity amongst cultures. The Division of International Programs, located in Blair Hall, can make the adjustment easier for students contemplating studying abroad and for international students studying here. Currently there are about 150 international students at Eastern. The Division of International Programs sponsors a variety of programs open to all students at least once a month. “We want to promote a high level of diversity on campus,” said Allison Witt, coordinator of education abroad and intensive English language center. Those interested in the many countries and cultures around the globe may want to attend Eastern’s International Forum, held once a month. The forum centers around different programs and countries of interest. The next International Forum is 2 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. “The topic will highlight Eastern’s study abroad programs for the approaching summer,” said International Student Adviser Sue Songer. Forums in the past have focused on a variety of countries such as Jamaica and Bangladesh. The meetings are a place to try new foods from different countries. Many times, contests are conducted and prizes awarded.

“It’s a great place to meet the new crowd of international students who’ve decided to study at Eastern,” says Aurlia Brahmi, a graduate student economy major from France. Other International programs on campus accommodate students studying away from home. One such program, Conversation Partners, pair up foreign students with native-speaking students to discuss issues about culture or other areas of interest. Partners are required to spend at least one hour a week speaking with each other. “Many times participation is high and more time is spent speaking with each other and we are always looking for new people,” Songer said. Another program provided for foreign students is Family Friends. The program allows international students to have dinner with a volunteer family once a month. “Statistics show most international students visiting the United States never step into an American home,” Songer said. The programs are created to provide foreign students with an honest experience of American culture. Students can also join the Association of International Students. The organization is run by students and promotes diversity on campus. The Association of International Students is open to all students and participates in cookouts, parties and foreign film presentations. The organization also holds an international dance every semester where a mix of native and foreign students can come together and celebrate.

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Society provides community for other religions

◆ *SOMA made of more than just pagans, provides outlet to all.*

By Jeremy Pelzer
CITY REPORTER

To many, the term "pagan" suggests witches, black magic or the occult. But at the weekly meeting of the Society for Metaphysical Advancement, Eastern's pagan Recognized Student Organization, the topic is not black cats or witchery, but the philosophy of Buddhism.

"I like the fact that (Buddha) taught compassion as one of the highest ways to be," said Palmer Buss, a clinical laboratory science major, and a Buddhist. SOMA started in at Eastern 1995 as a group for anyone who has a differing belief in spirituality, said Jen Price, a junior studio art major and SOMA vice president.

"If they lack some sort of spiritual outlet, we tend to cater towards that sort of person," Price said.

The group was created by students looking for a community. "There were a lot of pagan students on campus that wanted to start a community for other pagans," said SOMA President Ashley Keifer, a senior art major.

Today, Keifer said, the 12-member group is doing great. "I think we're headed in a really good direction," she said.

While many might see paganism as a single religion, Kiefer said the term "pagan" is actually a catch-all phrase for religions that aren't from a book, such as Hindu and Wicca.

"It's hard to give a cut-and-dry definition," Kiefer said. "For

If you go

- ◆ Who: Society for Metaphysical Advancement
- ◆ What: A group for anyone with differing spiritual beliefs
- ◆ When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays
- ◆ Where: Oakland Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

"There were a lot of pagan students on campus that wanted to start a community for other pagans."

—Ashley Keifer

each person, (paganism) is different."

Price said many pagans, though, practice an earth-based spirituality that focuses on spirituality in general.

Although many might see pagans as witches, Kiefer said she and her group have not faced any problems on campus.

"(Eastern) is much more understanding than any other place I've lived in," she said. "(People) seem to kind of see it as another way of life."

However, not all SOMA members are pagan, Keifer said. The group includes Islamic and Buddhist members, and is open to followers of all religions, she said.

"A lot of (people) are looking for a group dynamic," Kiefer said. "We welcome people of all religions."



JEREMY PELZER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Palmer Buss, a junior clinical laboratory science major, talks to other members of the Society of Metaphysical Advancement about Buddhist philosophy Tuesday in the Oakland Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. SOMA includes followers of paganism, Buddhism and Islam.

Members learn about a range of cultures.

"I think it's really interesting," Buss said. "I enjoy learning about different cultures and beliefs, just different aspects of meditation, hypnosis, tarot (card readings)."

Many SOMA members create ritual poetry, in which one writes

poetry to express his or her own personal spirit, Kiefer said.

Other members come together to express themselves musically, Kiefer said, much as a choir would gather to sing.

In addition to spiritual activities, SOMA also works on education and environmental projects, such as a planned local trash cleanup on

Earth Day, April 20, with other RSOs, she said.

"SOMA provides me with the community and support that I was looking for," Price said.

The group also promotes open minds.

"It helps to keep me a much more open-minded individual," Kiefer said.

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EDITORIAL

Approve appeals policy

The Council on Academic Affairs' proposal, if adopted by the President's Council, would alter the grade appeals process and possibly encourage more students to challenge professors when they believe they have earned an unfair grade.

Congratulations to CAA for approving the proposal, but it still needs a push for the final approval.

The proposal to add a student to serve on the Department on Grade Appeals Committee would take some of the intimidation away from the process of appealing grades.

Instead of students pleading their cases solely to faculty members, students now might have one of their peers involved in the process.

Before, appealing a grade could be rather daunting, especially since students were vigorously fighting for a higher grade in a particular subject and might have believed faculty members were looking down on them during the process.

Ronnie Deedrick, student vice president for academic affairs, came up with the idea and has made a concerted effort to push the proposal forward.

"Something was missing to the process," Deedrick has said. "I saw this as part of my job and as a matter of fairness."

If the grade appeal process is altered it will be quite improved with student voting member participating in the process. Although even if the process is approved and a peer is added to the committee, students must understand faculty committee members are not biased. Having a student assist in the process, some students might believe, would encourage students. They would have a better shot at defending their case when it comes to what grade they think they deserve. The proposed policy has garnered tremendously positive feedback from students and Student Government members after the CAA approved it last Thursday. Since grades are a touchy topic with students, involving a student on the grades appeal committee will probably give them a sense of reassurance that did not exist when only faculty members voted on grade appeals. Students also may be more compelled to fight for the grade they believe they deserve if a peer serves on the committee. Perhaps students previously would have given up and kept a grade even though they believed it was undeserved.

No one should worry about the competency of a student member on the appeals committee. Nancy Marlow, CAA chair, said that in the only grade appeal procedure she has been involved in, the member was probably the most prepared member of that particular body.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

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approving of a
new grade
appeals policy

Our stance
Adding a
student to
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Committee
likely will make
students less
intimidated.

OPINION

Alcohol ads are despicable



Erin Clinton-Cirocco

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They show women lounging in bikinis on snow-covered mountains, shaking their groove thang on the dance floor and flaunting scantily clad bodies. One has even turned a woman into its product. What are they? Alcohol advertisements.

Miller Lite's "Catfight" ad, seen during NFL playoff games, shows two cleavage-bearing "babes" arguing whether Miller Lite tastes great or is less filling. As the women tear their clothes off and wrestle in mud, whether the beer tastes great or is less filling is irrelevant. Two hot, nearly naked women are going at it on the screen.

This is how alcohol ads use sexuality as a selling point. Drink this beer, and look at the beautiful women you'll get, they say. Or buy a bottle of our rum and be the envy of your friends, they say.

But these ads don't show the hazards of alcohol consumption. These ads don't show how after 12 beers a man leads a woman upstairs for a good time and takes advantage of her because she is too far-gone to fight him off. These ads don't say women are more susceptible to alcohol's influence because they have less body water and half the enzyme that digests alcohol than men. These ads don't show how a 21-year-old woman died after celebrating her birthday with 21 shots.

What the ads don't show is

"In spite of the vast amounts people spend on alcohol, they do not spend much time thinking about the messages their money supports."

almost more disturbing than the images they show. Women need to see these images for what they are — an exploitation of their bodies for profit.

And the companies are profiting. College students spend \$4 billion a year on alcohol. With each case of beer or bottle of liquor students buy, they subscribe to the messages alcohol advertisers sell.

These images, designed to show drinking increases sexuality and attractiveness, have immediate and lasting consequences.

In spite of the vast amounts people spend on alcohol, they do not spend much time thinking about the messages their money supports. But people must think about it, especially women.

These ads become dangerous to women when they are unwilling to fulfill the promises of seduction and sexual appeal in the ads. Some men expect

women who drink to be more sexual and even "loose." But when a woman does not meet that image, that's when she may run into trouble.

Say a man invites a woman back to his apartment after meeting her in a bar. While it's his intention to sleep with her, she only agreed to go back to his house to watch a movie. When he makes advances toward her, she brushes him off. He takes the dismissal as playing hard to get. He continues, and she resists forcefully. But by this time, he is too excited about his conquest that he ignores her pleas to stop.

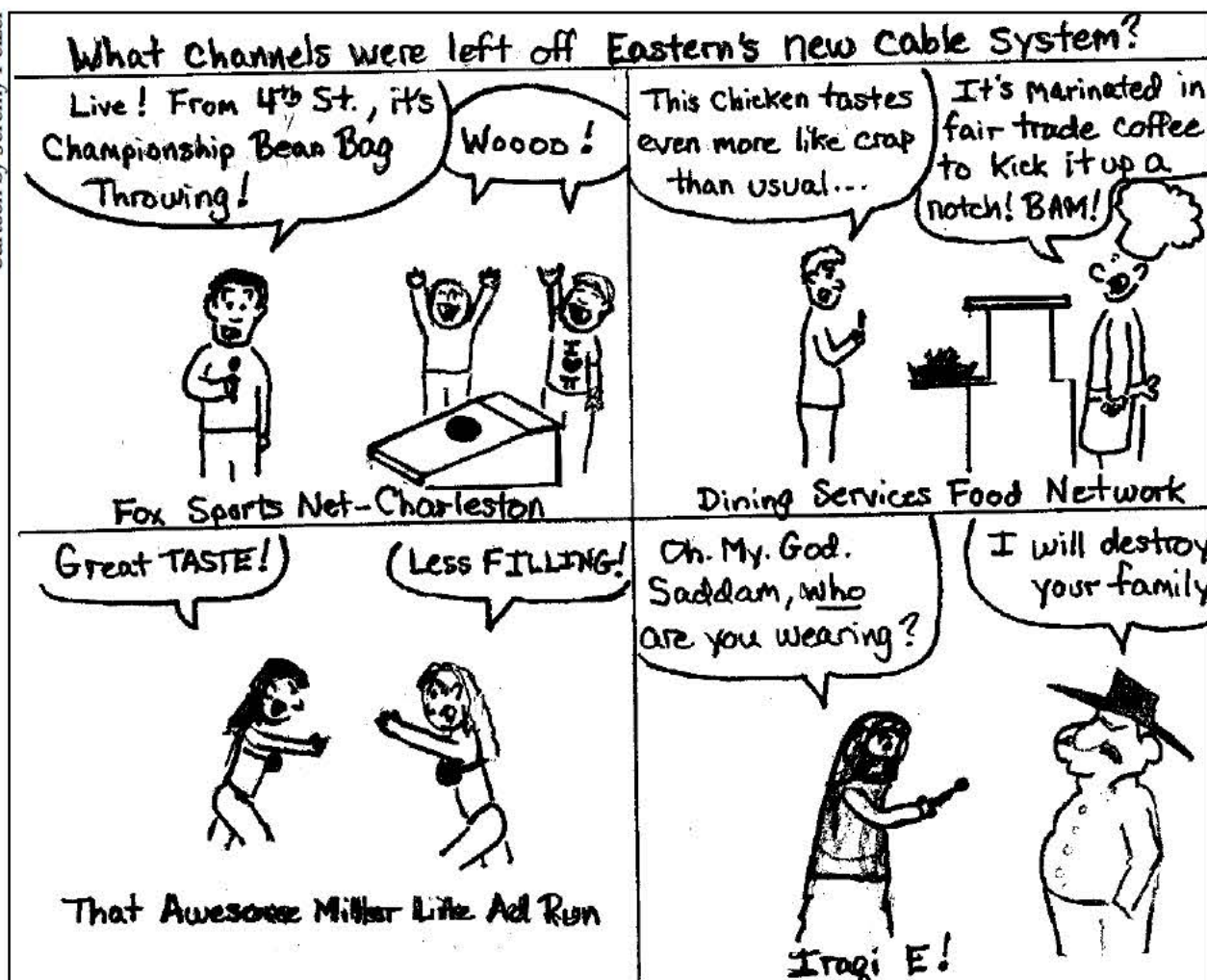
What happened to this young woman happens to thousands of women across the country. Every two minutes someone is sexually assaulted in America, and about 3 percent of college women experienced rape or an attempted rape, according to the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice.

Ninety percent of campus rapes occur when either the assailant or victim consumed alcohol (<http://www.factsontap.org>).

Behind these statistics are women, maybe even ones you know — friends, sisters, girlfriends, cousins and mothers.

It's time for everyone to stand up, speak out and end the silence to avoid becoming another statistic.

Cartoon by Jeremy Pelzer



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saving self for marriage is beneficial

People who think abstinence education is fallible and outdated in our society, ignore the fallibility of all other alternatives. For those who regard God's word, their bodies and the act of sex as so pure and undeniable, all other alternatives fall short of their high expectations.

As for my girlfriend and me, there is no chance of getting a sexually transmitted disease or AIDS. There is no chance for an unwanted and/or unplanned pregnancy, talk of abortion, the need for a paternity test or the fear that a child will be

brought into this world out of lust and not unconditional love and with God's blessing.

There also is no chance of being charged with rape even though I said I thought the sex was mutual.

For 13 years, my adolescent mind told me that God's paramount role in my life was to keep me from having any fun. When I became a man, I realized nothing could be further from the truth.

God gave his children the pleasures of sex to be enjoyed solely within a marriage. Doing otherwise

will lead to unnecessary and avoidable pain God never intended for his beloved children to endure.

Broken lives, hearts and bodies are the result of the aforementioned situations.

As for my girlfriend and me, we will do it God's way and this time, gladly choose the path of least resistance.

For those who love God,

their bodies, their future spouses and children, the benefits of waiting until they have unconditional love, stability and God's blessing which comes only within a marriage, they will know that benefits are long lasting and self evident.

Doug McGaghie
Graduate history major

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Start a new RSO to fill up free time

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Although more than 125 Recognized Student Organizations exist on campus, some students have difficulty finding the RSO for them.

For students with interests that extend outside the realm of what's available, a solution may be for them to start their own organization.

The process is simple and includes filling out an application with the Student Life Office and getting the RSO approved by the Student Government, said Thalia Wetzel, Student Life secretary.

Requirements for the application are a list of at least 10 members, a list of officers, an adviser employed by Eastern, a constitution and bylaws.

Once the application is complete, it goes to the Student Government.

"Student Government will take a look at the application and ask any questions before they approve it," Wetzel said. "The application then comes back to us and is looked at by the director of student life before being approved."

The number of RSOs fluctuate every year because of organizations' failure to re-register, Wetzel said.

"We ask that all RSOs re-register every year at the end of August," Wetzel said. "A failure to register results in the loss of RSO status," Wetzel said.

RSO numbers constantly



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

The Blue Crew rallies the crowd at a Panther basketball game. The group became an RSO this fall and dresses in spirit gear for games.

change, she said.

"We see a lot of RSOs come and go for various reasons ranging from members graduating to a lack of membership. Not every organization can retain 10 members. The Student Life Office extends a provisional semester to get the membership back up to 10.

"The Student Life Office and the Student Government Office have looked at RSOs of the past and found that an organization with 10 members has a better chance of survival. Organizations with fewer numbers can still operate, but not as well," Wetzel said.

Another important factor to

an organization's survival is the adviser role.

"When there is a professional who takes an interest in an organization, and gets involved and is informed about what the organization is doing, they're going to have more success than an organization with an adviser who just signs off on paperwork," Wetzel said.

The role of the adviser currently is being revised along with the RSO handbook, Wetzel said.

For more information on RSOs, students can call the Student Life Office at 581-3829 or e-mail the office at slo@eu.edu.

Charleston meets world beyond through Model United Nations

By Eram Cowlas
STAFF WRITER

Some students may complain about the confines of Charleston, but a group of students are attempting to experience the world beyond.

Each year Model UN, a class and a Recognized Student Organization, studies world issues and participates in a conference that simulates the activity of United Nations.

While meetings resemble a classroom atmosphere, adviser Lilian Barria said the end goal is not a grade but rather practical experience where students use what they learn in everyday life.

At this year's conference Feb. 12-15, Eastern will represent France in a forum where about 400 college students will represent 50 countries.

In this simulated UN environment, students will create and vote on resolutions they believe represent the views and beliefs of the country they represent.

Barria said the benefits of participating in Model UN extend beyond resume building. She said students receive hands-on experience dealing with government and politics, public speaking skills, building friendships and self-confidence and gaining knowledge about the world around them.

Model UN President Rashida Basir, who has attended 11 conferences throughout high school and college, said by placing themselves into the positions of other countries, students gain perspective and understanding about the world and events that affect people's lives.

"The United States isn't the only country in the world," Basir said. "It's really good to see the same topics the U.S. deals with, or any topics that the U.S. doesn't recog-

nize from a different perspective."

She also said the friends and contacts made at conferences make the experience worthwhile.

While membership in Model UN would most benefit political science majors, members assert anyone would benefit because of the wide variety of topics the simulations deal with.

Some topics include peace and disarmament in Afghanistan, combating AIDS in Africa, human rights on the West Bank of the Gaza Strip and improving healthcare for women worldwide.

Students become familiar not only with the political views of various countries but also their cultures, religions and other issues that shape the way people react to politics. While members are required to know the details of past French elections, they also familiarize themselves with other little known facts, such as Islam is the second most common religion in France.

Currently nine students will attend this year's conference, but Barria is looking for students who want to participate in future events when Eastern will represent the Netherlands.

All students are eligible to join, and participation qualifies members for one elective credit in International Relations.

Model UN meets from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in Coleman Hall, Room 2140. For more information, attend a meeting or contact Barria at 581-2079.

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'Journeys' publication highlights family travel destinations

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Charleston resident Bob McElwee has developed "Family Journeys," a soon-to-be monthly publication, radio and television show.

A trial publication of his news magazine was distributed in December.

"Starting with the March issue, it will be a monthly publication," McElwee said.

The "Family Journeys" series displays destinations for family travel throughout east central Illinois.

"I was inspired to do this from research I did for a client who was interested in producing a regional public television show on family travel," he said.

From that idea, McElwee produced the first issue of "Family Journeys" for review.

Readers approved and many submitted their e-mail addresses to receive the "Family Journeys" e-mail newsletter.

"I've been really pleased with the responses we've received," McElwee said.

The first issue was distributed to nine counties surrounding Coles County.

"I am planning to expand the distribution to over 20 counties for the March issue," he said, "I want to take it to Springfield and other counties farther west."

"Family Journeys" features restaurant

"It will list a restaurant for dinner Friday night, a place to stay, a place to have breakfast the next day...and so on for the entire weekend."

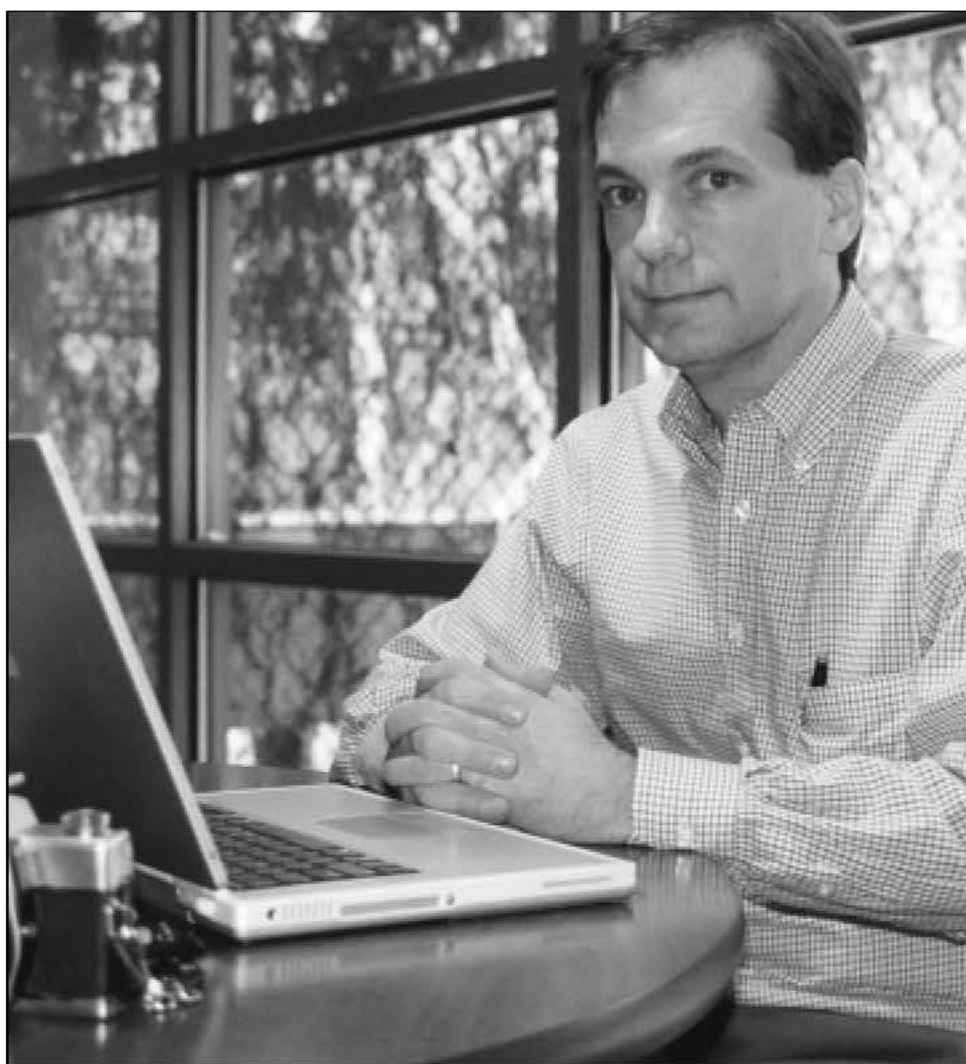
-Bob McElwee

reviews, destinations, shopping places and itinerary travel suggestions. Itinerary travel outlines an entire weekend's worth of activities.

"It will list a restaurant for dinner Friday night, a place to stay, a place to have breakfast the next day, activities and so on for the entire weekend," McElwee said.

The publication will not only list attractions, it will share background behind the attractions and articles relative to family travel.

"Family Journeys" is joining with WEIU to produce a radio and television show. The radio show will be hosted by McElwee's editor Susan DeLay of Chicago. McElwee said the shows will air in early April.



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Bob McElwee sits at his computer with a camera and copies of his new publication "Family Journeys."

Student Senate members, chairs approved at meeting

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate appointed new committee chairs and four new senate members Wednesday, but also lost a member.

Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson read a letter from Donna Fernandez announcing her resignation from the Student Senate.

When reached for comment, Fernandez said she no longer wanted to be a part of an organi-

zation she felt took part in inappropriate practices. Fernandez would not expand further on what she meant by inappropriate practices.

"I don't know in what regards she's speaking of, and I don't want to make a comment until she expands more on it," Davidson said.

New committee chairs were presented and approved. However, three committees did not have a chair approved because of a lack of applications.

The Shuttle Bus Committee, Internal Affairs Committee and Diversity Affairs Committee each only received one application, so more applications will be taken and the applicants will be interviewed.

Amanda Sartore is the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Kyle Donash will chair the External Relations Committee, Jenn Anderson is the new chair of the Housing Committee, Lindsey Baum will now chair the Student Relations Committee, Brice

Donnelly is the new chair of the Tuition and Fee Review Committee and Ryan Herdes will chair the University Development and Recycling Committee.

The newly-appointed senators are Jim Markunas, a freshman marketing major; Lawrence Ward, a senior finance major; Alison West, a sophomore political science major and Lauren Kluge, a sophomore speech communication major.

All positions are effective immediately.

Who's new: senate members

- ◆ Jim Markunas: freshman marketing major
- ◆ Lawrence Ward: senior finance major
- ◆ Alison West: sophomore political science major
- ◆ Lauren Kluge: sophomore speech communication major

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RSOs soon can register and give information online

◆ *New system will bring Eastern up to par with other schools*

By Kevin Sampier
STAFF WRITER

Registered Organizations on campus could be able to register online and give students information on the Internet by fall 2003.

The 125 current RSOs consist of group types from the standard athletic and academic organizations to those more off the beaten path like a juggling organization and a karaoke club.

Director of Student Life Ceci Brinker said one thing RSOs have in common is most do their own fundraising through membership dues, bake sales and car washes.

"Most are self-supporting and always have been," she said.

But this isn't the case at some larger state schools.

"When talking about service and programs, we're probably about the same, but large institutions have more funding for their organizations," she said. "Some have a fee-funding board RSOs can go to when they need money."

Another difference between Eastern and larger schools is the technology available to RSOs and the students interested in joining a group.

"We're looking to upgrade. A lot of other schools are more hi-tech and enroll (RSOs) online," Brinker said. "We're looking to more web-based technology."

The online program will allow prospective members to receive contact information for RSOs to allow students to register their groups online to stay recognized by the college, Brinker said. This technology could be available by

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—Ceci Brinker

next semester.

Illinois State University is one campus that has taken its RSOs into cyberspace.

Jeremy Schenk, Illinois State program coordinator for student organizations and programming, said the school last year went online and has had good luck with the system.

"The entire process is online. The RSO goes online and submits their data, and we've alleviated all problems with paper work," Schenk said.

Currently, Illinois State has 265 RSOs, and although they can apply for funding for programs through the RSO program fund, they still hold fundraisers.

The Illinois State Web site has RSO information for students who want to join.

"Our Web site lists all of our student organizations and RSO news. We have the RSO hand book, information on selecting and joining an RSO and an RSO newsletter," Schenk said.

"The website can list all of the student organizations into 11 categories or can sort them alphabetically. It gives contact information for group presidents and advisers, a statement of purpose, the RSO's meeting time and an RSO's Web site if they have one."

Eastern hopes to convert from paper registration to online



FILE PHOTO

Students ride a teeter totter in the South Quad during the fall semester 2002 as a way to participate in an Alpha Phi Omega fundraiser, to raise money for the Charleston Food Pantry.

registration soon.

"Going into next fall, we will have updated our system for online registration and access," Brinker said. "We will be working on it this semester, and hopefully it will be cost efficient."

The system will replace calls made to the student life office by students needing information on RSOs, and Brinker said it

will eliminate a lot of paper work.

"Based on my networking at other schools, it's definitely a much more efficient system. It will make it easier for students to access the system, it saves time and paper because it's easier to revise online and it will help us to streamline our process," Brinker said.

Although other colleges may

have more funding and technology, Brinker said she still is happy with the RSOs on campus.

"We have a pretty well rounded and diverse range of RSOs. We encourage students to come in and get involved," she said, "These RSOs were created by students in the past that were willing to put in the time."

Society open to anyone interested in learning new hobbies

◆ *Dead jugglers reborn last semester, seen big interest since the beginning*

By Gregory McElroy
STAFF WRITER

The Dead Jugglers Society organization was reborn last semester and has seen a big interest on campus since the beginning, said Josh Reely, a member of the

society.

Dead Jugglers has seen a lot of interest from students who are looking for new and unique things to learn.

"I've been juggling for about five years now," Reely said. "I juggled with the University of Illinois Unicycle and Juggling Club for a year because of the bigger investment they had there."

"And now, with the help of Cara Moran, I am able to continue doing

something I enjoy here at Eastern," Reely said.

Dead Jugglers, which was reformed by current president Cara Moran and nine others a month into last semester, is an organization for students who are looking to get together and have a good time doing unusual activities.

Moran said its motto is "university-sanctioned mayhem."

The society meets every Thursday night at unofficial locations. Right now, its meetings are being held in the balcony of Lantz Gym Arena.

No experience is needed, and it is open to anyone who may be interested in learning new and interesting hobbies.

"Juggling is a very doable hobby," Reely said. "Even a person with one arm can learn to do it."

If you go

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Workshop offers timely options

By Bianca Sisson
STAFF WRITER

The key to effective time management is setting priorities, Bridget Busse, an intern at Eastern's Counseling Center, told those in attendance at her workshop.

"Set priorities," Busse said. "Use post-it notes, reward yourself and keep yourself motivated. Don't just schedule work, but schedule fun stuff too, like parties, and socials."

Busse began the workshop by having students gather into small groups and discuss their time management problems.

The most common problem among the groups of students was talking on the phone, television and procrastination.

"The most common problems that college students have is that they don't know how to plan their time," Busse said. "Using a daily activity schedule can help you effectively plan your time."

Time management worksheets

were distributed and students answered 10 questions about how well they handled their free time.

"Most students use time in between classes to eat or sleep," Busse said. "But you should use this time to study while the information is still fresh in your mind."

It is better to break up information being studied than to study in mass amounts. Otherwise, it can lead to increased stress and poor performance, Busse said.

She said most people are shocked when they realize how much time they actually waste during the week.

Her "Where does time go?" worksheet lists all daily activities including sleep, work, class and recreation.

"There are 168 hours a week," Busse said. "And students are always shocked to find that they have an extra 50 or 60 unused hours."

The workshop was sponsored by the Counseling Center.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Jeff Fudala, a senior marketing major; Brad Schaffer, a freshman marketing major, and Rocky Millenbine, a senior environmental sciences major, discuss what they can do to manage their time better Wednesday evening in the "Time Management" workshop, held in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Trial begins for first of eight men accused in fatal Chicago beating

CHICAGO (AP) — At least one witness will testify to watching Lamont Motes stomp, punch and kick two men as an angry mob fatally beat them after a traffic accident, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Motes is the first of eight defendants to go on trial for the July 30 deaths of Jack Moore, 62, and Anthony Stuckey, 49. The two men were fatally beaten on Chicago's South Side after the van they were in jumped a curb and struck several women. One of the women died.

Motes has pleaded innocent to charges of first-degree murder and mob action.

During opening statements on Wednesday, Cook County prosecutors said they will place Motes at the scene of the



beating and tell jurors about a statement he made to another jail inmate while in custody.

"Police have no evidence on me. They took everyone's shoes but mine," Motes allegedly said. "I burned my shoes."

Defense attorney Frank J. Himel disputed the statement outside the courtroom, claiming that prosecutors did nothing to prove Motes made the statement.

"They just took the word of a three-time convicted felon," Himel said.

Motes, an honor student at King High School, graduated at the top of his class in 2000. His trial was scheduled to continue Thursday before Cook County Judge James D. Egan.

Also charged in the deaths are: Henry Lawrence; Roosevelt Lawrence; Ricky Lawson; Terryon Deberry; James Ousley; Robert Tucker and Antonio Fort.

R. Kelly arrested for child pornography charges

MIAMI (AP) — R&B singer R. Kelly was arrested Wednesday on child pornography charges after investigators said they found 12 photographs of a nude girl at his Polk County home.

Kelly, whose first name is Robert, was arrested without incident at a Miami-Dade County hotel at 10:30 a.m. on a Polk County warrant. He was being held at the county jail. Bond was set at \$12,000.

The Grammy-winning artist has been out on bond and awaiting trial on 21 counts of child pornography in Chicago. Those charges stem from a videotape authorities say shows him having sex with a 13-year-old girl. Kelly has denied that charge.

Col. Grady Judd of the Polk County Sheriff's Office told WSVN-TV that three photos show Kelly having sex with a female under 18. In the other nine photos, the female is nude. He said the photos were found last June during a search of a home Kelly rented in Davenport after he was arrested there on the Illinois warrant. Davenport is about 35 miles south-

west of Orlando.

The singer is known for hits ranging from the Grammy-winning, gospel-like "I Believe I Can Fly" to sexually charged material such as "Bump 'n' Grind," "Feel'n' On Yo Booty" and "Your Body's Callin'."

The Illinois investigation began after the Chicago Sun-Times reported last February that it had received the tape anonymously and passed it along to Chicago police.


Kelly also is the focus of at least four lawsuits, three of which accuse him of having sex with underage girls. He has acknowledged settling two of the lawsuits regarding underage sex, but his lawyers have said they will fight the third.

Kelly's new album, "Chocolate Factory," is scheduled to be released in February. He was nominated for a Grammy earlier this month for the song "The World's Greatest," from the "Ali" soundtrack.

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Hockey lovers on campus find way to enjoy the sport

By Justin Hatten
STAFF WRITER

Many people are not aware Eastern has a hockey team since the team is not sponsored by Eastern and is unable to play its games on campus.

The team plays its home games in Decatur at the Civic Center and practices in Danville at the David S. Palmer Arena. Because the club is not school sponsored, each member has to pay for ice time, equipment and referees.

The 2002-2003 team features eight freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors and three seniors. Tryouts were held in mid-September, and practice began soon after. The Panthers opened up their season on Oct. 18 with a win over Wheaton College, 11-1.

"We are in the Mid American Collegiate Hockey Association and play teams from

Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin," said club president and goalie Travis Graff, a senior administration information systems major from Woodstock. "The league is broken up into two divisions, gold and silver. We are in silver."

Seven teams are in the gold division and eight are in the silver. The silver division includes Eastern, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Robert Morris College in Springfield, Northwestern University, University of Missouri-Columbia, Washington University, Iowa University and Wheaton College.

"The top four teams in each division make the playoffs, which are held February 14-15 in East Alton," Graff said. "Last year was our first year in the league, and we ended up taking third overall."

Graff is in his fourth year of playing at Eastern and his first as president. He started

playing at age 10 and played club hockey in high school since his school didn't have an organized team.

"We all play for fun and a pat on the back," Graff said. "We drive our own cars to games and practices and find team sponsors to help pay for expenses."

The team is coached by Ron Zachara, a 2001 Eastern graduate with a degree in speech communication. He is in his second year of coaching and played club hockey at Eastern for three years. Zachara currently resides in Danville.

"We normally practice once a week, usually Wednesday night, for about an hour and a half," Zachara said. "At this point in the season, we spend most of our time working on plays and different game situations."

He said he played soccer for a long time but was looking for something more physical. A friend got him involved in hockey, and he

"We all play for fun and a pat on the back."

—Travis Graff

has been playing now for about six or seven years.

Zachara said last year the club put together a team bus for all the home games in Decatur as well as a fan bus. He hopes to continue that this year.

"We have a lot of players from the Chicago area, and we play quite a few road games around there, so they might carpool and go home a day or two early," Zachara said.

The club has a Web site that can be found on the Eastern home page. The site contains a schedule, roster, statistics, standings and names of team sponsors.

Council helps student athletes with sports-related problems

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council is an advisory group mandated by the NCAA for student athletes to meet to discuss problems that need to be addressed to help keep athletes informed and eligible.

Discussion topics include problems with fields or practice times, changes with the NCAA or if grade requirements for athletes are changed.

"The council tries to make things better for their fellow athletes," said Betty Ralston, compliance person for the group.

The council consists of two to three representatives from each sport and meets the first and third week of every month. Ross Bracey is the president for the spring 2003 semester.

The council has been around for eight or nine years and currently

has 20 to 25 members who attend meetings on a consistent basis.

Council representatives are usually volunteers, so some sports have more representatives than others and representatives may change yearly or at semester depending on the sport, Ralston said.

In the past couple of years the council has changed the criteria from two representatives per team to now allow any student athlete of each. Some teams may have four representatives who attend meetings instead of two. Also the council used to meet once a month but has changed to twice a month to promote better attendance.

The council is a means to get information to all of the athletes without having coaches spend a lot of their time talking about changes and concerns. Instead representatives of each sport go to council meetings and bring the information back to the athletes in

What's it all about?

- ◆ What? Student-Athlete Advisory Council
- ◆ Purpose? Discuss problems, such as practice times, field conflicts and grade requirement changes, to help keep athletes informed and eligible
- ◆ Who? Representatives from each sport

their sport, Ralston said.

They bring suggestions of things they want changed, problems with facilities student athletes have and any other concerns.

A topic commonly discussed in the past couple of years is the grade requirements, which keep getting heightened by the NCAA, Ralston said.

The council also works on a community service project and getting people involved with ath-

letics.

"Our focus is on helping our student athletes and to do activities to get the different athletes to support each other," Ralston said.

"Our core group this year is excellent. They did a student-athlete welcome and a barbecue at the beginning of the year to support student athletics and are now working on a spring dance," Ralston said.

The Student-Athlete Advisory council made the suggestion to the administration last spring to get the banners that now hang in Lantz Arena, Ralston said.

"The Student-Advisory Council is a great opportunity for students and has a national conference every year that members attend," said Jen Cowen, president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council during the fall 2002 semester.

Each year representatives from every school go and talk about problems with other schools.

Members discuss rules that have been changed and what the students at different schools think about them, Cowen said.

The NCAA has a Florida leadership conference in late May every year. The Student-Athlete Advisory Council nominates four student athletes who meet the criteria and the NCAA selects one to attend the conference.

More than 400 students attend the Florida Conference from all different divisions of the NCAA.

J.R. Reynolds, senior representative for the men's basketball team, was selected for the May 2002 conference.

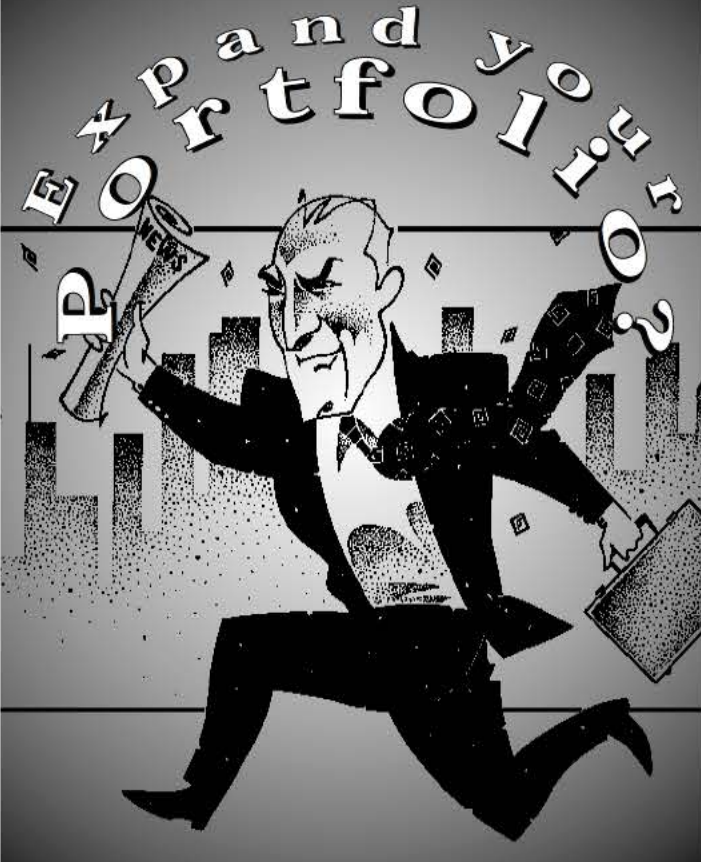
Amy Barr, senior representative for the women's softball team, serves on two NCAA national committees and also attended the May 2002 conference.

The conference teaches athletes how to be better leaders, understand what leadership is and take part in team-building exercises.

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RSO:
Joining RSOs may be
a future career booster

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"There is a recognized relationship between the two," Davidson said. "The group does service projects for the campus, a lot in the community. Generally, for example, the group participates in trash clean-ups on campus. I know they helped out with the Rotary pancake breakfast during Homecoming weekend."

He also said they freely give their services to local nursing homes as well as assisting with the Homecoming 5K run. As for social activities, a barn dance in the fall and semi-formal in the spring are two events the group participates in each year, Davidson said.

"A lot of it varies from semester to semester, depending on service opportunities that arise," Davidson said. "The larger the group, generally, the more variety there is in service projects."

Members also participate in activities on their own, he said.

"As with any group, it's always in flux, always changing, always growing," Davidson said. "The group follows the current of the group members. In my experience, there are some years where it is very service focused."

Nonetheless, APO is a service organization, that like any other organization, students will get out of it what they put in, he said.

"I think APO is a group that benefits those service driven and socially oriented. It does have a pledge process, weekly meetings. It can be demanding if a student is very involved."

Davidson said if students don't feel they can commit an adequate amount of time to organizations like APO, other alternative organizations exist that focus on service.

RSOs like Circle K International and Epsilon Sigma Alpha are groups students might find don't demand as much of their time, he said.

"Any of the service organizations on campus are really great organizations," Davidson said. "Between four (service) groups, students should find something

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—Eric Davidson

they are comfortable with."

As far as social fraternities and sororities go, Bob Dudolski, assistant director for Student Life, said students looking to find their niche in either one of the different groups can expect the variety involved in the recruitment processes.

Three councils govern the recruitment processes: the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council and the National Panhellenic Historic Greek Organization.

Dudolski said the national chapters of each local chapter determine the recruitment policy of each fraternity or sorority.

Each council's recruitment process varies, he said. The Interfraternity Council's recruitment is year-long while sororities, which are categorized under the Panhellenic Council, traditionally only recruit members in the fall, unless they do not meet their quotas, he said.

"It's kind of like the NFL — sororities draft their top picks," Dudolski said.

Prior to the pledge process, students have a chance to get acquainted with a fraternity or sorority. He said developing personal relationships and friendships help the recruitment process along.

The National Panhellenic Historic Greek Organization sets the policies for the black Greek fraternities on campus. Each of these fraternities has a recruitment process where they focus on getting to know members, Dudolski said.

"Second semester freshmen (and older) are generally who they will recruit," he said.



FILE PHOTO

Members of Recognized Student Organizations paint the windows in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for Homecoming weekend.

When it comes to health RSOs, Bacchus is one of the many active groups on campus comprised of leaders advocating the education and awareness of sexual health.

"A lot of people think Bacchus is an abstinence group, a 'just say no group.' Abstinence is promoted, but that is not what it is all about," Davidson said.

Promoting positive health practices is the main purpose of the group, he said.

Despite the group's push for abstinence, it is keenly aware that not everyone practices abstinence, whether it be from drugs, sex or alcohol.

"We cover both sides of the coin, Davidson said. They talk about the health benefits, but if you are not going to be abstinent, they tell you how to reduce your risk of alcohol poisoning or getting pregnant."

People interested in immersing themselves in this type of health educating can join Bacchus, he said. Fundraisers and social events are just a few activities the group organizes and participates in, Davidson said.

A coveted perk of being a Bacchus member is participants are allotted the opportunity to give presentations to classes or

residence halls after they undergo 10 hours of training, he said. The training entails interested members consulting a series of CD roms, Web sites and videos with worksheet requirements. The member then has to take a test and must score an 80 percent to be able to make a presentation.

Bacchus, which spearheaded the Condom Club, offers students a significant opportunity to learn and meet others, as is the case with Eastern's other RSOs.

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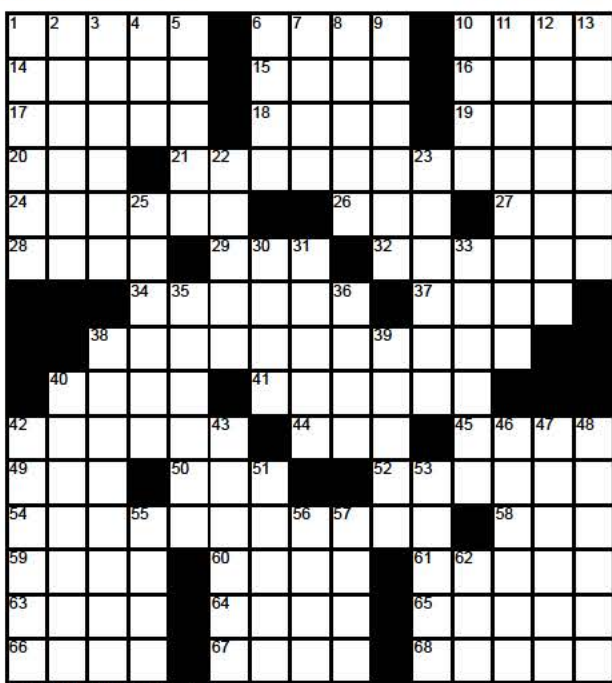
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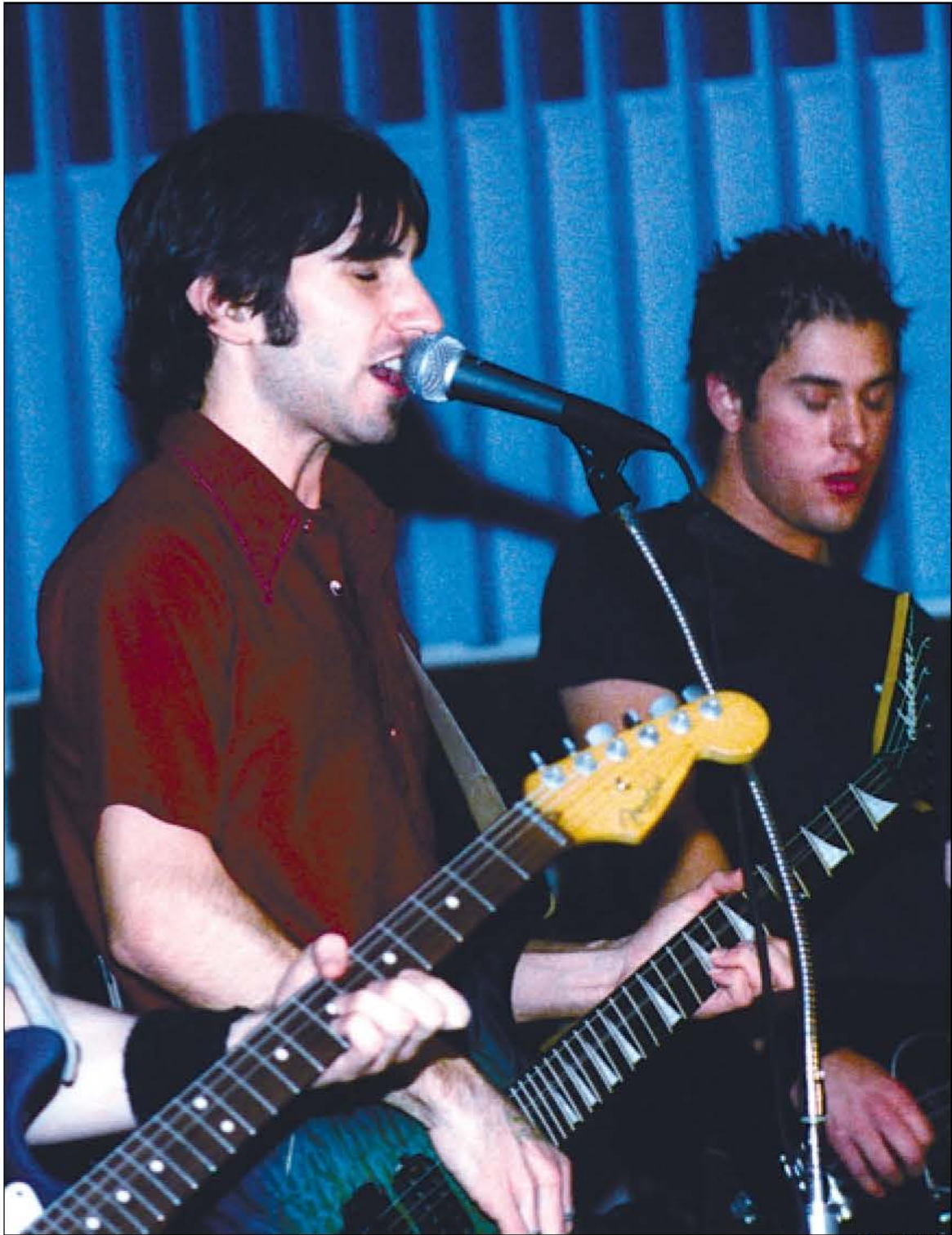
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A LOOK AT

Around the world of RSOs



Mike Chorvat and Brandon Capetillo, members of the band Emyrean, perform in the Martin Luther King Junior University Union during Greenfest in November. Emyrean was one of four acts that played as a fundraiser for the campus Green party.

What RSO should you join?

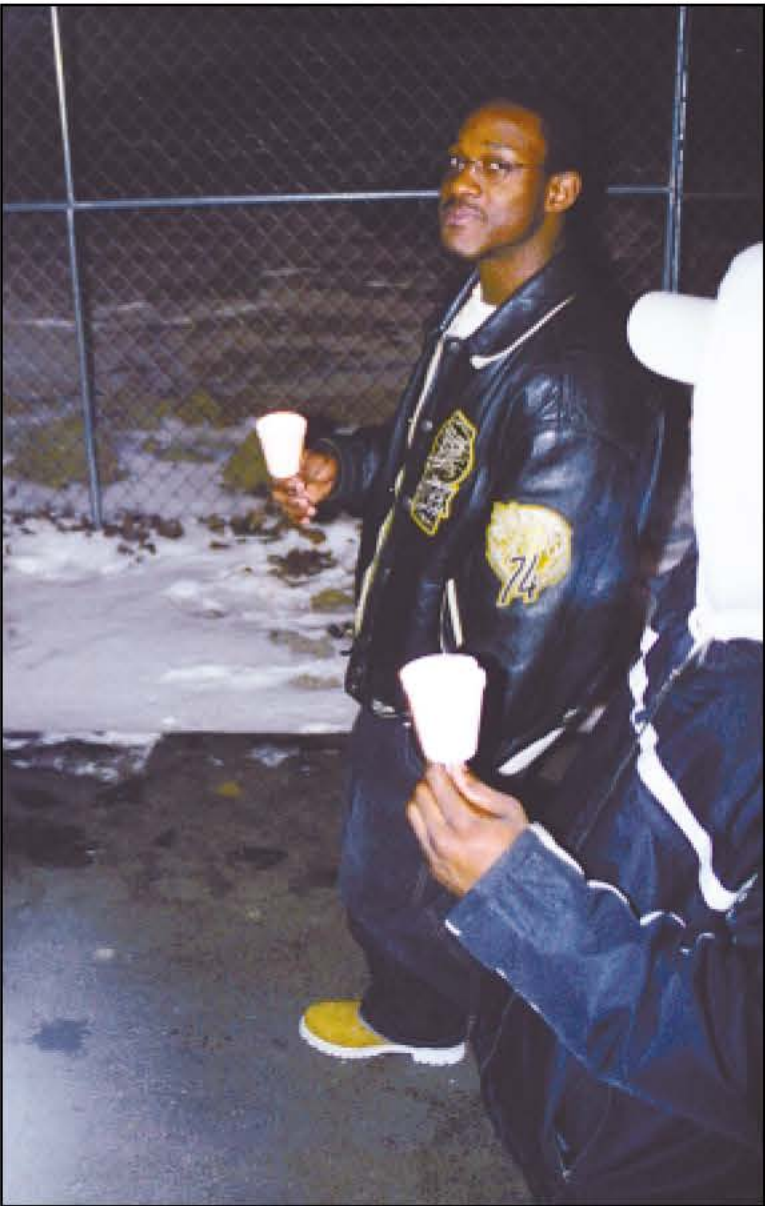
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- ◆ If you like social events and enjoying developing friendships, you might want to look into joining a social fraternity or sorority.
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- ◆ If you like learning about other cultures, you might want to look into joining the Association of International Students. Its purpose is to enhance international/cultural awareness on campus.
- ◆ If you would like to increase your knowledge on human health, you might want to look into joining Bacchus, whose focus is to increase education and awareness of health.
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Above: Sigma Phi Epsilon members participate in a game of tug of war during Greek Week last April.

Right: Jessica Galloway, a senior communication disorders and sciences major, and Mia Wolf, a sophomore health studies major, hand out flavored condoms at an RSO event.



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Students exit Thomas Hall as part of the Martin Luther King vigil that was organized by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Grand jury hears sniper case against teenager

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A grand jury heard evidence in the possible death penalty murder case against teenage sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

Prosecutor Robert F. Horan on Tuesday sought a capital murder indictment against the 17-year-old in the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI agent Linda Franklin. A decision by the grand jury was expected to be made public Wednesday.

An indictment would officially mark the transfer of Malvo's case to adult court.

A juvenile judge's ruling last week that Malvo could be tried as an adult — making him eligible for the death penalty if convicted of capital murder — sent the case to the grand jury.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of shooting 18 people, killing 13 and wounding five, in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. They are being tried first in Virginia because its laws allow the best opportunities for the death penalty.

Horan had said he would seek capital murder indictments under two statutes: one prohibiting the killing of more than one person in a three-year period, and an anti-terrorism law.

Also Tuesday, a judge dismissed efforts by Malvo's guardian to

obtain police documents about the deadly shooting spree.

The guardian, Todd Petit, argued that a provision in juvenile law gave him the right to seek a wide range of records from police and other agencies that had documents about Malvo.

Prosecutors from Fairfax, Prince William and Hanover counties — all hit by sniper attacks — contended the information was being sought prematurely before the trial.

Earlier this month, a Fairfax juvenile court judge agreed with the county attorneys, and Petit appealed.

Muhammad is scheduled to go on trial in October in neighboring Prince William County for the slaying of Dean Meyers at a Manassas gasoline station.

Fraternity brawl in San Jose, Calif., leaves one dead, others injured

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — An early morning brawl involving fraternity members armed with sticks and knives left one man dead and several others injured Wednesday.



The large group from San Jose State University's Pi Alpha Phi and Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternities gathered about midnight at a suburban park. Pi Alpha Phi members from the University of California, Santa Cruz, also participated, police said. A neighbor reported the fight.

"They could hear somebody screaming 'Somebody's been stabbed!'" said Sgt. Steve Dixon, a police spokesman.

Four people were stabbed, including a 23-year-old man who later died at a hospital. The altercation apparently grew from a disagreement at a pool hall on Monday and the groups agreed to meet in the park to settle things, Dixon said.

More than 60 of the fighting fraternity members and other witnesses remained at police headquarters Wednesday for questioning.

There were no immediate arrests.

"A lot of questioning to do today to really try to piece together what happened."

"Who took part in this? What did they see? What did they do?" Dixon said.

Officials at San Jose State, where the chapter started in 1991, wouldn't comment on the brawl. In Santa Cruz, the university is not aware of previous trouble from the

group, which was set up in 1995, said Elizabeth Irwin, a campus spokeswoman.

In tapes, JFK concerned about foreign relations, economy

BOSTON (AP) — In 15 hours of previously classified tapes, President Kennedy and his advisers are heard pondering the crises of the day: overseas conflicts, foreign relations and a weakened economy that could spell trouble for his re-election hopes.

The new tapes are the second release of recordings that Kennedy made in the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room. The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum is in the process of declassifying some 248 hours of tapes for use by historians, researchers, scholars and journalists.

Despite often-poor sound quality, the tapes — 135 hours of which have been released — provide a glimpse into what Kennedy was thinking, and what his advisers were telling him.

Many of the concerns and debates Kennedy and his advisers engaged in over foreign policy and life at home four decades ago mirror those faced by the Bush administration today.

Among the highlights are con-

versations between Kennedy and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Earle Wheeler after his return from Vietnam. Wheeler advises the U.S. maintain the current level of support to the South Vietnamese, and informs the president that "the Viet Cong are not bleeding in this war. The South Vietnamese are bleeding."

In later discussion, an unidentified voice asks a question that the country would ponder years later: "How are you going to get out once you've gotten in?"

Kennedy also is heard lamenting what he views as softening support by French President Charles DeGaulle and other European leaders.

"They put out some pretty vicious stuff out of Paris every day," Kennedy says. "They either attack us for trying to dominate Europe or they attack us for withdrawing from Europe or that we won't use our nuclear force or that we'll get them into a war and they're not consulted."

The practice of recording conversations and meetings in the White House began in 1940 with Franklin Roosevelt, who wanted to ensure he was being accurately quoted by the media. The practice ended with Richard Nixon in 1974, after his own tape recordings exposed his administration's illegal and unethical activities against perceived political enemies.

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WRESTLING

Division I-AA opponent gives Eastern needed rest

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's wrestling squad has come upon the perfect time to compete against lesser competition.

The Panthers travel to play Division I-AA Southern Illinois at Edwardsville Friday in hopes of finally solving the injury bug.

One wrestler that has been consistent is junior Matt Veach. The Iowa State transfer has compiled an overall record of 24-9 and is one of four Panthers who are undefeated in dual match competition.

In Eastern's dual match at Indiana, Veach received the Panthers only majority decision of the evening in a disappointing 35-13 loss.

"I think that if we'd had all of our guys, we would've been a lot more competitive," Veach said.

Veach made a decision before the season started to go to a weight class from 157 to 164 and feels like more success has come from the decision.

"It's been a lot better season than last years but I haven't felt

like I'm carrying the team yet," Veach said "Everything seems a lot easier now that I've bumped up in weight."

Eastern will look to have 197-pound Ross Bracey back from injury and will hope that he can get back to 100 percent before the home meet against Missouri Sunday.

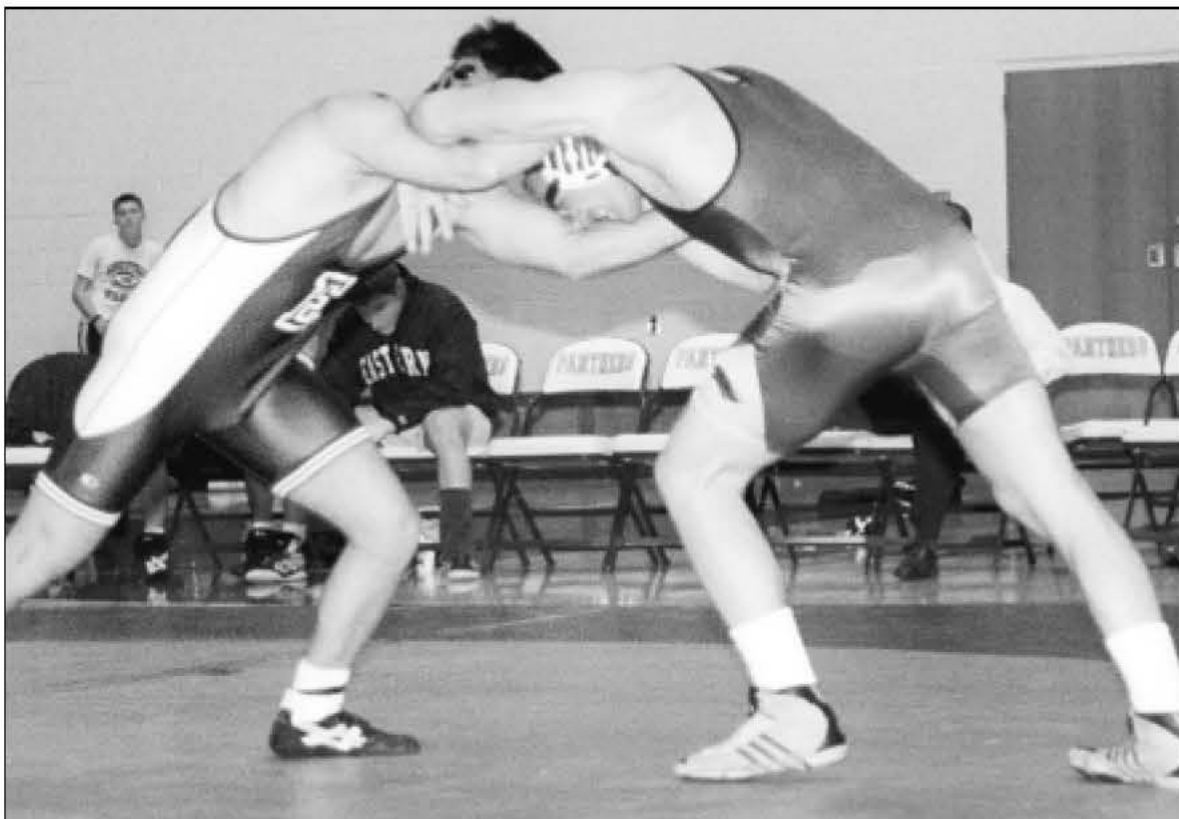
Junior Pat Dowty will likely sit out Friday but has been practicing and is scheduled to return against the Tigers.

The Panthers will likely have to forfeit the heavyweight position because sophomore Pete Ziminski is on the shelf.

"If we can get everybody back by Sunday, I think that we should do reall well," Veach said "Because of the forfeit, wrestlers like Chris Jordan and Brian Sbertoli will have to step up."

SIU-Edwardsville will be the only Division I-AA school that the Panthers will compete against this season, but they will look to build momentum toward the last two months of the season.

"I don't overlook anybody and I know nobody on the team will either," Veach said.



FILE PHOTO

Eastern grapplers travel to Division I-AA SIU-Edwardsville Friday with hopes of recovering from recent injuries.

TRACK

Panthers host EIU Quadrangular Saturday

By Aaron Seidlitz
STAFF WRITER

After a large respite that began before winter break and lasted for over a month, the men's and women's track teams have finally started to find a little regularity in their schedule. Eastern hosted last weekend's EIU Mega Meet and will also host this weekend's EIU Quadrangular.

Last Saturday, both the men and the women put in good times despite the fact that neither team had run competitively since Dec. 8. Nevertheless, the men were able to

beat Illinois-Chicago in good fashion.

The Panthers were led by seniors Jeff Jonaitis and Kyle O'Brien in the long distance races. Both performed well for Eastern and head coach Tom Akers looks forward to what the team is capable of in the future.

"The team needed to get back into competition," Akers said. "We were able to beat UIC fairly easily even though the team was sore and our long distance runners faired the best."

Plans to make O'Brien even more versatile are in the works as

he is training in the 5,000 meters in addition to his usual race, the 3,000 meter.

But above all, just putting the team back into motion and not just training is what the Panthers need the most. The team understands it needs to shake off the rust from more than a month off, and the team is happy to return to competition.

"It is hard to tell where we are at right now, but it is good to get back into a routine," Akers said. "We might be a little thin right now, but as the season goes along we can see what areas we improve in."

The same can be said for the women's team, which has had the same lay-off as the men's team. In its first meet since winter break, it was apparent the team was a little rusty because its times were down when compared to the first meet Dec. 8.

"Even though we trained on our own over the holidays, our times were not equivalent to our first meet," said head coach Mary Wallace. "But it was good to get back into a regular routine and training schedule."

Even though the times, overall, were a little worse, the Panthers

still put forward some solid individual efforts with the two biggest sparks coming from freshmen Alicia Harris and Angie Simone. Harris took first in the 400 meter while Simone finished second in the 5,000 meter.

The Panthers are looking forward to their next meet Saturday, and they are ready to start preparing for this meet.

"The third meet of the season will be a perfect chance for us to shine," said Wallace. "Mentally, we need to start preparing ourselves now in order to be our best out there."

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SWIMMING

Swimmers riding momentum into Valpo

◆ *Yanney sees increased effort in victories*

By Jason Blasco
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern men's and women's swim team's second to last meet of the season will be of great importance.

The Panthers men are coming off a 130-79 victory against Millikin, and the Eastern women will look to ride the momentum from their 160-49 victory.

"I didn't really see the difference in their time," Yanney said. "Where I saw more of a difference was in the effort the team is giving."

Eastern was able to take full advantage of Millikin's youth and lack of depth by experimenting with its swimmers in different positions and distances. However, going into the meet against Valparaiso, the Panthers won't have the same luxury.

According to Yanney, Valpo breastroker Mike Hermes and Sean Conrin will be the swimmers that will create a challenge strategically.

On the women's side, Yanney anticipates distance swimmer Britt Nelson in the 500 meter and

1000 meter and butterfly swimmer Katie Urbas to cause problems for the women's team.

"We swam against (Valpo) earlier in the year and traditionally they are a second-half team and I anticipate they are going to be more prepared," Yanney said. "It is definitely not going to be like the Millikin meet. Everyone is going to be swimming in their strong events this week."

Eastern's meet against the Crusaders takes on increased importance because it hopes to have the momentum factor with the Midwest Classic in Indianapolis less than a month away.

"This is definitely important for us to perform well in this upcoming meet and the meet against St. Louis," Yanney said.

The results of the Eastern men's and women's trip to Millikin was definitely a momentum builder for the teams.

The teams' combined to win a total of 14 individual swimming events at Millikin on Jan 17.

Eastern swimmer Jordan Sherbrooke finished the 200 meter freestyle with a time of two minutes, and Tom Watson won the 200 free with a time of 1:47.74 and the 500 free with a time of 4:56.36. Paul Yemm finished with a time of 53.54



FILE PHOTO

Eastern swimmers are coming off convincing wins at Millikin, but face tougher tests against Valparaiso this weekend.

in the men's 100 butterfly, and also finished second in the 400 Individual medley. Claire Garvey also won the 400 IM with a time of 4:53.91 and the 500 freestyle at

5:22.72. Josh Kercheval also won the 400 IM with a time of 4:19.25 and 100 yard backstroke with a time of 54.37.

"It is just a matter seeing what

kind of effort that we can get out of them," Yanney said. "Conference isn't won by yourself- it's won by coming together and supporting everybody else."

Rivalry: OVC teams battle for .500 in conference

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"Defenses have focused on Henry so much that we may have to make him a decoy early in the game to open it up for the other guys," Samuels said.

The Governors will pose a problem for the Panthers in the post with senior center Jan Thompson expected to still be out with a shoulder injury.

Samuels said juniors Adrian Henning and Josh Lewis could pose a threat to the Panthers in the interior.

Henning leads the Governors in scoring with 15.3 points per game and brings down 5.6 boards a game. Lewis is second in scoring averaging 11.4 points per game and leads the team in rebounding with 6.4.

Eastern will also have a tough task playing at the Dunn Center where the Governors are 5-0 this season.

The game will be broadcasted live on WHQQ-FM (98.9).

Sparks: Sparks a deserving starter

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four rebounds per game and 2.1 assists per game.

Wunder attributes some of the team success to Sparks moving into the starting lineup. So far this season, the freshman has made eight starts.

"Megan moving into the starting lineup has helped our team a little bit," Wunder said. "She's getting more confident and is helping us win

some ball games."

Sparks is also fourth on the team in minutes played this year, averaging 26.3 minutes a game.

The Panthers are thankful for Sparks's ability to contribute her freshman year replacing one of their leading scorers from last season who graduated. Guard Michelle Lewis averaged 6.9 points per game while setting a school record for three-point shots made in a season (58).

"She's stepped in and been a fairly consistent scorer for us which is something we needed in that other guard position," Wunder said. "Michelle was a bit more of a three-

point specialist. Megan's a little bit more versatile and can score in other ways."

Sparks says she is getting better as the season progresses.

"With each practice and each game I think I'm getting more comfortable both shooting-wise and getting into the flow of the game," Sparks said.

Sparks also said the team is improving as the season moves on.

"We are starting to play better and I think the team is starting to get more confident," she said. "We are expecting to win games, not a 20-point loss or something worse."

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	MW Track EIU Triangular	11 a.m. Lantz Fieldhouse

THROWING HEAT



Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Why Wittke should stay with Eastern

All together now, "woo pig suey!"

It's been confirmed that Eastern offensive coordinator Roy Wittke is a finalist for the quarterbacks coach at the University of Arkansas.

After winning the 2003 National Assistant Coach of the Year award, congratulations is in the form of getting consideration from a I-AA program and a Southeastern Conference school nonetheless.

However, this would be an extremely horrible career move on Wittke's part for several reasons.

No. 1 - It's a well-known fact that being the quarterback's coach at a school like Arkansas is equivalent to being the world's tallest midget.

Arkansas sophomore starter Matt Jones threw an average of 15 passes per game and threw under 100 yards five times last season. Not exactly, a high-powered offense.

In fact, in the 2002 Cotton Bowl, the Razorbacks passed for a grand total of 13 yards against Oklahoma.

Razorback head coach Houston Nutt stated that he will try to open up the offense next season, but that doesn't mean Arkansas fans will be treated to the Fun and Gun.

Tony Romo with little exception threw for at least the century mark in a game where he completed a pass and Panther fans have seen him go 75 yards in 43 seconds.

Wittke should stay at Eastern and continue to lead one of the best offenses in I-AA football and have his reputation continue to grow.

No. 2 - Roy Wittke currently recruits high school prospects in the Wisconsin, Chicago and east central Illinois areas. Wittke has grown up near those areas and knows them incredibly well and would be completely out of place in the deep south. It could take him at least a year to develop a relationship with high school coaches in the state of Arkansas.

No. 3 - Arkansas won the SEC West division last season, received a berth in the SEC Championship game and played in the Motor City Bowl last season. These facts mean fans in Fayetteville are going to expect more of the Razorbacks next season and won't be able to give Wittke the adjustment time he will need.

If Wittke does receive the position, he will have to worry about Jones' arm injury that will keep him from playing basketball.

Finally, the most selfish reason of all: Who will the Panthers replace head coach Bob Spoo with?

The only thing Wittke doesn't coach is the offensive line and that means his fingerprints are on the entire offense. Therefore, I fear Eastern may struggle with the combination of a young quarterback (Ben King) and a new coordinator.

So, Roy please don't go anywhere soon.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

A 'flavorful' conference rivalry

◆ Eastern travels to Austin Peay for pivotal OVC matchup

By Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After a brief stay in Lantz Arena, the Eastern men's basketball team is back on the road.

The Panthers (6-10, 2-3) make a trip to Clarksville, Tenn., to face the Austin Peay Governors 7:00 p.m. Thursday for a critical Ohio Valley Conference game. The winner moves to .500 in conference play, while the loser faces an uphill climb in the OVC race.

The rivalry between the Panthers and Governors (8-6, 1-2) has been intense with eight of the last nine games ending with four points margins. Both coaches expect this game to be no different from previous confrontations between the teams.

"Frankly, the rivalry with Austin Peay has been flavorful," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "I anticipate another game of that caliber."

Eastern is hoping to ride the momentum it created with a 68-60 come-from-behind victory over Tennessee-Martin Saturday at Lantz Arena. Samuels thinks the team will be back to form after its recent shooting problems.

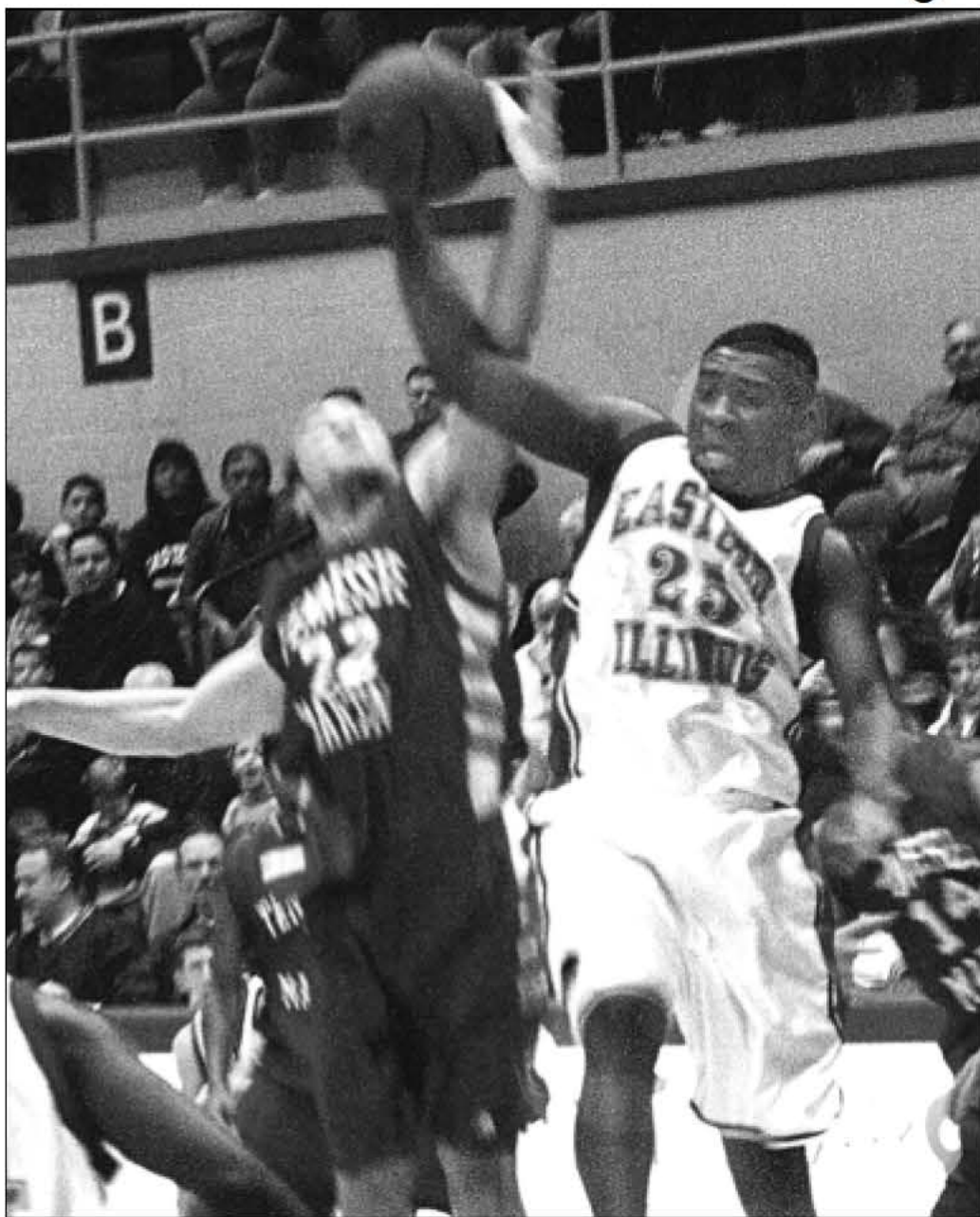
"We are struggling because we aren't shooting the ball well right now," Samuels said. "That has been hurting us in all facets of the game. We gave them two days off this week so having fresh legs will hopefully help our shot."

Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos said he is concerned with Eastern's ability to hit open jump shots. He looks past the obvious production from senior guard Henry Domercant.

"Henry is a big concern for us," Loos said. "It seems like he has been there forever, but that is not our only concern."

Loos said the Governors will need to respect senior guard J.R. Reynold's long-range shooting as well. Reynolds has a 42 percent average from three-point range this season for the Panthers.

Samuels expects Austin Peay to play Domercant aggressively, forcing the offense to find other options.



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Senior guard J.R. Reynolds fights for a rebound against Tennessee-Martin Saturday at Lantz Arena.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sparks receives OVC Freshman of the Week honors

By Matt Meinheit
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern freshman guard Megan Sparks was named Ohio Valley Conference 'Freshman of the Week' Tuesday for the second time this season.

Sparks had previously received the honor for her performance during the week of Dec. 17.



Megan Sparks

Sparks' strong rookie year has been one of the few bright spots for the Panthers who are without preseason First Team OVC selection Pam O'Connor, and suffered a nine game losing streak.

"You don't really know when you have a freshman coming how they are going to adjust to a different level of competition coming out of high school," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said. "Megan is one of those players that has adjusted quickly to the collegiate game."

This past week, Sparks helped the Panthers (3-12, 2-3) break a nine game losing streak in an 81-70

win against Tennessee-Martin last Saturday. Sparks scored 12 points against the Skyhawks and made 50 percent of her field goals in the game, including 2-of-4 from three-point range. Sparks was the only Eastern player to make a three-pointer in the game.

Sparks helped the Panthers win back-to-back games for the first time since last spring, when the Panthers defeated Murray State and Tennessee-Martin in consecutive games.

Sparks tied for a team-high 14 points with junior guard Lauren Dailey in a low-scoring affair against Murray State Monday. The Panthers held on to win the game 52-47 thanks to a pair of crucial free throws by Sparks in the closing seconds of the game.

In the last two games, Sparks averaged 35 minutes a game and made over 42 percent of her field goals. She also made 7-of-8 from the free throw line.

Sparks' stats have improved as the season has progressed. In Eastern's five conference games, Sparks is averaging 12.6 points per game, 5.8 rebounds per game and 2.2 assists compared to her regular season stats of 9.5 points per game,

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McDuffie raises \$400,000 to go toward turf

◆ Proposal still needs approval from BOT

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The Eastern athletic department is getting closer to its goal of installing an artificial playing surface in O'Brien Stadium.

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie said private fundraising efforts for the project are going well.

"We are just about at \$400,000," McDuffie said. "We are still a couple hundred thousand short of our goal, so we have some asks left."

The athletic department originally estimated the project's cost between \$500,000 and \$700,000.

McDuffie also expects to receive grant money from the state of Illinois for using recycled materials for the project. Eastern received a similar grant when it installed a nine-lane all-weather track at O'Brien in the fall of 2001. The project cost \$400,000.

"We anticipate that we will receive the Illinois state recycling grant, so we anticipate that we will have sufficient funds to do the project," McDuffie said.

McDuffie began his campaign

to fund the turf last fall after he announced interest in installing an artificial surface in O'Brien in September.

The athletic department will present a proposal to the university at the Board of Trustees meeting Monday. The BOT will have the option to approve or reject the proposal, but McDuffie believes it will pass.

"We will not be using any appropriated dollars and we will not be using any student funds," McDuffie said. "It would improve the facility that needs improvement at no cost to the university."

The proposal to the BOT will not have a specific company that the athletic department will purchase the artificial surface from because one has not been selected.

McDuffie said the decision of what company Eastern will select is contingent on the approval of the proposal by the BOT.



Rich McDuffie